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SUBJ: POLISARIO SUPPORT FROM PLO

1. ACCORDING TO DECEMBER 22 LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS, A POLISARIO DELEGATION LED BY BAHIR MUSTAF SAID ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI DECEMBER 21 FOR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE ARAB LIAISON OFFICE OF THE LIBYAN GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. PRESS REPORTS THAT TWO SIDES DISCUSSED "THE NAKED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SAHARA PEOPLE BY FRANCE AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR COUNTERING THE PRESENT IMPERIALISTIC PLAN OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WITH ALL POSSIBLE MEANS."

2. LOCAL MEDIA EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARIES CONTINUE TO CONDEMN FRANCE'S ALLEGED MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE SAHARA. SIGNIFICANTLY, DECEMBER 23 MEDIA REPORT STATEMENT OF PLO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER ABU IYAD THAT FATAH NOW SUPPORTS POLISARIO MOVEMENT IN ITS DISPUTE WITH
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THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO PRESS, ABU IYAD, IN A SPEECH BEFORE PALESTINIAN AND LEBANESE RESIDENTS IN TRIPOLI, STATED THAT FATAH IS NO LONGER NEUTRAL ON THE ISSUE OF THE WESTERN SAHARA. ABU IYAD SAID THAT THE PLO ATTEMPTED TO REMAIN NEUTRA ON THE SAHARA ISSUE "ON THE BASIS THAT THERE IS A MOROCCAN OPPOSITION WHICH WE RESPECT, BUT NOW THERE IS AN

ISSUE BIGGER THAN THAT OF THE WESTERN SAHARA, IT IS THE ISSUE OF PALESTINE." HE ALLEGED THAT KING HASSAN'S SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE IS EVIDENCE OF THE MOROCCAN KING'S INVOLVEMENT IN A PLOT AGAINST PALESTINIANS. THE PLO LEADER ALSO CRITICIZED FRANCE AND THE U.S., AND WARNED SADAT AGAINST "PLAYING WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ISSUE." ABU IYAD SAID THAT PRESIDENT SADAT COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE PALESTINIANS OR RESOLVE THEIR PROBLME, AND NO ONE BUT THE PLO WAS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.
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